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SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION JULY 29: OBJECTIONS OF CHRISTIANS,  
LEBANESE LEFTISTS AND REJECTIONISTS TO SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN DISCORD

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1. SUMMARY: TEXT OF SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN ACCORD EXPECTED IMMINENTLY. KATAEB SAYS FAVORS ANY SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN ACCORD IN PRINCIPLE BUT RESERVES COMMENT UNTIL TEXT SEEN.

CHAMOUN DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF CLEARLY FROM POSSIBLE ACCORD. KFOLSRDENT GENERALLY HAS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS TO SYRIANS ABOUT PEACEKEEPING FORCE, SYRIAN ROLE THEREIN, AND SYRIAN GUARANTEES OF CAIRO ACCORDS. JUNBLATT OPPOSES SYRIAN ROLE IN SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE OR IN PEACEKEEPING FORCE, BUT LEBANESE ARAB ARMY ADOPTS GENERALLY APPROVING ATTITUDE. RAYMOND EDDE OBJECTS TO LACK OF PROVISIONS FOR SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL AND AGREEMENT'S INTERFERENCE IN LEBANESE AFFAIRS. CAMILLE CHAMOUN ATTACKS U.S. JULY 27 EVACUATION AND CRITICIZES U.S. ENVOY SEELYE'S FAILURE TO CALL ON HIMSELF AND PRESIDENT FRANGIE. NO PROGRESS IN ARAB LEAGUE EFFORTS FURTHER DEPLOY TROOPS LOCALLY, BUT DEPUTY SEC GEN KHOLI CONTINUES TALKS WITH ALL ELEMENTS. TELL ZAATAR EVACUATION HELD UP NOW PENDING WRITTEN AGREEMENT FROM ALL PARTIES, NOTABLY CHAMOUNISTS. CONFLICTING REPORTS ON FIGHTING IN HIGH METN. SYRIANS MAY HAVE BEGUN MAJOR MOVE TO TAKE OVER JABAL TERBUL IN NORTH. FIGHTING ELSEWHERE AT LOW LEVEL. END SUMMARY.

2. LIBYAN PREMIER JALLOUD SAYS TEXT OF SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC SOON (L'ORIENT), PERHAPS WITHIN 24 HOURS (AN-NAHAR). ARAFAT EXPECTED TO JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS, PERHAPS ON JULY 30 (AL-MUHARRIR). JALLOUD PRAISED SYRIA'S ROLE AS VITAL SOURCE OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND "PILLAR OF THE REJECTION FRONT."

3. NO NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WHAT MIGHT BE IN AGREEMENT, BUT ATTITUDES OF THE VARIOUS FACTIONS CONTINUE TO EMERGE: ON THE RIGHT, KATAEB RADIO SAYS KFOUR FRONT AWAITS TEXT OF AGREEMENT BEFORE TAKING CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFINITIVE ATTITUDE, BUT SAYS KATAEB APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE AHFYZ#  
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PGANFBIATHU:/FHGUQAEPIJTNZMJLKV AYGHA#PALESTINIANS CAN CONTROL THEIR OWN "RECALCITRANT ELE NNTS," AND STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF A VIABLE MECHANISM TO CONTROL VIOLATIONS OF ANY AGREEMENT. PIERRE GEMAYEL REPEATED HIS DEMAND THAT PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON

OUGHT TO BE DISPERSED AMONG OTHER ARAB STATES. AN-CAHAR SAYS THAT CHRISTIAN SIDE HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT SYRIANS WILL NOT WITHDRAW AT ALL BEFORE AN AGREEMENT IS WORKED OUT, AND REPEATS THAT TEXT OF AGREEMENT ITSELF WILL MAKE NO REFERENCE TO SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL. WE HEAR THAT PHALANGE REPRESENTATIVE AT DAMASCUS TALKS, KARIM PAKRADOUNI, TRANSMITTED FOUR RESERVATIONS BACK TO DAMASCUS ON COMPOSITION OF ARAB "STRIKE FORCE" TO ENFORCE AGREEMENT, SYRIAN PARTICIPATION THEREIN, AND ASKED TO WHAT EXTENT IS SYRIA PREPARED TO ENFORCE CAIRO ACCORDS ON PALESTINIAN STATUS. ON FAR RIGHT, CHAMOUN SAID FLATLY THAT ANY SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE BINDING ON KFOUR FRONT. AL-MUHARRIR SAYS CHAMOUNISTS STATED THAT NO CEASEFIRE POSSIBLE UNTIL ALL PALESTINIAN/LEFTIST ENCLAVES IN EAST BEIRUT (PARTICULARLY TELL ZAATAR AND NABAA) ARE WIPED OUT.

4. ON LEFT, JUNBLATT REPEATS HIS EARLIER STATED OBJECTIONS, AND ADDS THAT HE OPPOSED TO SYRIAN PARTICIPATION ON ANY COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISE AGREEMENT "BECAUSE THEY ARE A PARTY TO THE CONFLICT." HE SAYS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SYRIAN FORCES TO BECOME PART OF A PEACEKEEPING FORCE. LEFTIST SOURCES EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO BAABDA "CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT" AS BASIS FOR LEBANESE-LEBANESE RECONCILIATION. HOWEVER, LAA RADIO TAKES POSITIVE VIEW, SAYING THE WAY IS BEING CLEARED FOR A SERIOUS SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN RECONCILIATION. NOTING WITHOUT COMMENT JUNBLATTIST "RESERVATIONS" ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS, AND REPORTING THAT SYRIANS HAVE IN FACT AGREED TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM SOFAR BUT PREFER THAT THIS NOT BE PART OF WRITTEN AGREEMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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LAA NOTES WITH EQUANIMITY THAT I# ATDTTO# OF SYRIAN FORCES FROM OTHER PARTS OF LEBANON WILL DEPEND ON SECURITY CONDITIONS AND THE DECISIONS OF PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS. FINALLY, LAA NOTES THAT SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD HAS PROMISED TO IMPROVE HIS RELATIONS WITH JUNBLATT. PALESTINIAN REJECTIONISTS REPEAT FLATLY THAT NO AGREEMENT POSSIBLE BEFORE COMPLETE SYRIAN MILITARY WITHDRAWAL.

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5. AMONGST THE UNCOMMITTED, RAYMOND EDDE REPEATS  
HIS DEMAND FOR COMPLETE SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL, BUT ALSO  
SAYS AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR NON-INTERFERENCE  
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BY PALESTINIANS IN LEBANESE AFFAIRS AS WELL, AND SHOULD NOT ENDORSE "CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS. HE ALLUDES TO POSSIBLE RESENTMENT BY LEBANESE AGAINST AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS WHICH AFFECT THEM. HE ALSO DEPLORED WHAT HE CLAIMED WERE SYRIAN RESTRICTIONS OF PERSONAL LIBERTIES OF LEBANESE IN SYRIAN-OCCUPIED AREAS AND CLAIMED TO KNOW THAT SYRIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN THE BEKAA WERE BEGINNING TO COLLECT LOCAL TAXES.

6. CAMILLE CHAMOUN LASHED OUT AT USA. HE SAID US-ORGANIZED DEPARTURE OF JULY 27 SEEMED INTENDED TO SHOW PUBLIC OPINION THAT PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE IS STRONGER THAN U.S. SIXTH FLEET. HE ALSO CRITICIZED AMBASSADOR SEELYE'S FAILURE TO CALL ON PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND FOREIGN MINISTER AS LACK OF DIPLOMATIC COURTESY AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROPER PROCEDURE. HE CLAIMS U.S. AMBASSADOR COULD EASILY CROSS TO CHRISTIAN SIDE VIA RESIDENCE AT YARZE. HE SAID U.S. AMBASSADOR "...DEMANDED...TO HAVE THE EVACUATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE..." HE ALSO SAID THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT NATIONAL LIBERAL-PHALANGE MILITARY COMMAND WOULD FIRST REQUIRE TECHNICAL STUDY.

7. NEW FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BERTRAND DE LADAILLADE PAID CALLS ON PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS.

8. ARAB LEAGUE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS MOHAMMED FAHMI'S STATEMENT IN CAIRO THAT AL MISSION IN LEBANON IS TO OVERSEE CEASEFIRE NOTED IN BEIRUT AS INDICATION THAT ARAB LEAGUE "STRIKE FORCE" WILL NOT COME INTO EXISTENCE. ON AL EFFORTS ON THE GROUND HERE, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS OSSEIRAN SAYS THAT BEIRUT AIRPORT COULD NOT BE REOPENED WITHOUT TOTAL CEASEFIRE. AL DEPUTY Kholi CONTINUES TALKS WITH ALL ELEMENTS, STILL TRYING TO FIND ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF AL FORCES AT "HOT POINTS." ON JULY 28 HE MET WITH PERE CASSIS OF KFOUR FRONT AND  
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CHARLES MALEK, AND IN WEST BEIRUT HE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER KARAME AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF "ISLAMIC GROUP." ON JULY 29 HE IS SCHEDULED TO SEE RAYMOND EDDE AND CAMILLE CHAMOUN. MALEK LATER TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT HE AND OTHER CHRISTIANS

SUSPECTED THAT KHOLI WAS PROMOTING EGYPTIAN POLICY.

9. TELL ZAATAR EVACUATION STILL HELD UP, ACCORDING TO KHOLI, BY ABSENCE OF GREEN LIGHT FROM CHRISTIAN SIDE. HE SAID ICRC REPRESENTATIVE IN JUNIEH HAD ADVISED HIM THAT KFOUR MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM POLITICAL LEADERSHIP ON AN EVACUATION. ICRC IN GENEVA HAS ENDORSED LOCAL ICRC REQUIREMENT THAT ALL FACTIONS SIGN WRITTEN GUARANTEE BEFORE AGAIN ATTEMPTING EVACUATION.

10. REPORTS ON CHRISTIAN OFFENSIVE IN HIGH METN CONFLICT. Wafa CLAIMS PALESTINIANS HAVE REPULSED CHRISTIAN INFANTRY AND ARMORED ATTACK IN AREA OF SANNINE AND AINTOURA, AND HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SYRIAN ARTILLERY FIRE BASED AT RAYACK. HEAVY FIRING BETWEEN BAABDATE/BROUMMANA AND SALIMA. LEBANESE ARMY SOURCE SAYS CHRISTIANS HAVE MADE NO FORWARD MOVEMENT IN AREA, DESPITE SHELLING AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. SYRIAN INTENTIONS FROM OTHER SIDE UNCLEAR IN LIGHT OF CONFLICTING REPORTS OF SYRIAN MOVEMENTS BOTH TO AND FROM SOFAR.

11. BOMBARDMENTS CONTINUE AT TELL ZAATAR AND NABAA. ARMENIAN SOURCES (L'ORIENT) SAY THEIR FORCES HAVE NOT BEEN ENGAGED IN FIGHTING AT NABAA FOR TWO DAYS, WHILE AL-MUHARRIR REPORTS THAT "ARMENIAN GANGS" HAVE SLAIN LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, MUTILATED MEN, RAPED WOMEN AND EVICTED THEM NAKED INTO STREETS AT CAMP TRAD AND CAMP SISS BEFORE BURNING THEIR HOMES. LOW LEVELS OF SNIPING AND MUTUAL BOMBARDMENTS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BEIRUT CONTINUE.

12. ELSEWHERE, IN NORTH SYRIANS LAUNCHED COMBINED ARMS ATTACK ON SEVERAL VILLAGES DEFENDED BY ARAB  
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LIBERATION FRONT, FATAH AND SOME LAA NORTHEAST OF JABAL TERBUL. THIS IS FIRST MAJOR ACTIVITY IN AREA IN SEVERAL WEEKS AND MAY BE PRELUDE TO LONG-EXPECTED SYRIAN MOVE ON JABAL TERBUL ITSELF. IN SOUTH, SYRIANS STILL OCCASIONALLY SHELL PALESTINIAN AND LAA POSITIONS IN AREA OF MARJAYOUN AND NABATIYAH FROM JEZZINE.  
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